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AND METHODS OF USE DURING  
CARDIAC SURGERY

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action of June 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.